



Robert Wendell Summers

April 15, 1929 - March 1, 2012

Robert W. "Bob" Summers, a former Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company General Manager for Maryland and U.S. Army veteran, died peacefully in his sleep Thursday after a long illness. Bob was born in Baltimore in 1929 and grew up in the Forest Park neighborhood. He graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic High School and Johns Hopkins University with a degree in electrical engineering. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Aberdeen, Maryland doing weapons development research during the Korean War. After serving in the Army he started working at C&P in Baltimore, then Hagerstown and Westminster. He transferred to New York City with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for two years before returning to C&P in Baltimore in 1961. He spent the rest of his career with C&P and then Bell Atlantic, rising to the position of General Manager. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Liberty Federal Savings and Loan and Hood College in Frederick, MD. He also was a member of the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce where he served as President in 1988. He enjoyed sailing on Chesapeake Bay and vacationing at the beach with his wife and children and eventually his grandchildren. Bob was a Trustee and Elder of Central Presbyterian Church in Towson before moving to Oak Crest Village in Baltimore in 2004. Bob is survived by his wife of 59 years, Benita and 6 children: Bob, Steve and David of Baltimore, Bill of Millersville, Carole Farmer of Alexandria, VA, Alison Dirks of Crownsville and 16 grandchildren. He is pre-deceased by one grandson.

Bob's brother, Charles J. Summers, lives in Phoenix, AZ.

Funeral Arrangements

The family will be receiving visitors at the Mitchell Wiedefeld Funeral Home on York Road on Sunday, March 4 from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm. Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 5 at Central Presbyterian Church, 7308 York Road, Baltimore, MD 21204 at 10 am. There will also be a memorial service at the Oak Crest Village Chapel on Sunday March 11 at 4 pm.

Memorial Donation

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Oak Crest Village Benevolence Fund or Oak Crest Village Scholars' Fund.

Interment Arrangements

Interment Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens.